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Jesse Brandenburg Farmstead
Kemptown vicinity
Private

Ca.1850-1920

The Jesse Brandenburg Farmstead is centered on a log and frame dwelling of 1-1/2 stories with german siding and a one-story porch on its principal south elevation. The house was probably built in two stages beginning about 1850, with one room on each side of an off-center chimney. Staircases are located at the northeast and northwest corners. The house is used for storage purposes and is in deteriorated condition, making interior evaluation difficult. Associated with the house are a frame smokehouse and a small building possibly used as a shop or store, according to Brandenburg family members. The agricultural group has a frame bank barn, of about with an early 20th century partial enclosure of its stalls for a milking room, a wagon shed/corn crib, an equipment shed, and a garage. The farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the dwelling and the outbuildings, although the condition and level of alteration, especially of the dwelling, have lowered its integrity.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jesse Brandenburg Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12902C Penn Shop Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Kemptown ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lloyd C. and Marlene Brandenburg

street & number 12902 Penn Shop Road telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 632

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 323

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Jesse Brandenburg Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1850 log and frame dwelling, currently unoccupied, and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating primarily from about 1875 to about 1920, including a bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, a smokehouse, and others. The farmstead is located on the north side of Penn Shop Road about 1/4 mile east of Kemptown, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is located about 100 yards off the road on a hill sloping down toward the north, leaving the farmstead out of view of Penn Shop Road with two modern residences on the northern edge of the road. The farmstead also contains several non-contributing structures including a mobile home and modern agricultural sheds and barns. The contributing buildings are generally in poor or deteriorated condition. Dates of the structures are based on land records, historical maps, and architectural details.

The dwelling is a 1-1/2 story building of both log and frame construction with german and weatherboard siding. Its general form is rectangular with no rear or side wings. The principal elevation faces south and a one-story shed porch extends across the entire facade. The building was apparently erected in two sections, based on the two-room floor plan and the off-center chimney in the corrugated metal roof. However, interior alterations in the early and mid-20th century and its current use as a storage building obscure concrete evidence to support this sequence. The Brandenburg family, still the owners of the property, believe that the eastern section was the first built, with a single room on the first story and possibly two rooms on the second. The south elevation has irregular bays, with doorways to both sections and 2/2 windows, reflecting the two apparent periods. The interior has two staircases in the northwest and northeast corners.

Domestic outbuildings:

Smokehouse: The frame smokehouse located near the northeast corner of the house has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. The single door is in the south elevation. The smokehouse may have been built during the period 1875-1900, but could also be an early 20th century replacement of an earlier smokehouse.

Shop: The one-story frame building located immediately east of the smokehouse was identified by the Brandenburg family as a shop or store, although they have no further information about its original purpose. The building has german siding with a small shed porch on the south elevation. The glazed panel door on the same side is flanked by a 6/6 window. Corrugated metal covers the gable roof. Its materials indicate that it was probably built about 1900-1920. Its location suggests a domestic use such as a dairy or springhouse, but no known water source is associated with the building.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Bank barn: The frame barn and other agricultural buildings are located west of the domestic group, with the non-contributing mobile home between the two groups. The

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850 - C. 1920 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jesse Brandenburg Farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the log and frame dwelling and the various frame outbuildings. The generally deteriorated condition of the contributing buildings and the apparent extent of alteration of the dwelling's interior are the major factors which diminish the integrity of the farmstead. The house was probably built by Jesse Brandenburg (1824-1896), the oldest of 16 children of Lemuel and Charlotte Brandenburg. Jesse purchased about 100 acres of "Forest" in 1850, added another 14 acres in 1851, and his descendants still own the farm. When Jesse died in 1896, a trustees' sale of the property was ordered and the farm was described in the advertisement:

"All that valuable farm situated on the road leading from Kemptown to Damascus whereon Jesse Brandenburg lived and died known as part of Forest' containing 108 acres The improvements consist of a dwelling house, good bank barn, two tobacco houses, corn crib, wagon shed, and other outbuildings. A splendid spring of water is near the kitchen door. Most of the fields contain running water, the fencing is good. About 2 acres is woodland. A fine apple orchard is on the premises. The farm was heavily limed a few years ago. This farm has recently been divided into three parts, to wit: (1) Division A contains 49-1/2 acres, being assigned to Mrs. Sarah R. Brandenburg, widow of Jesse, as her dower, this tract includes the buildings and improvements"

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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11. Form Prepared By

state MD 21701

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020
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7.1 Description (Continued)

barn is still in agricultural use and has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof with modern ventilators along the ridge. On the south elevation are sliding tongue-and-groove doors. The stall level on the north elevation has been partially enclosed at the northeast corner with concrete block, forming the original milking parlor. Adjacent to this corner is the rusticated concrete block milk house, with a corrugated metal roof. The barn was probably built about 1895-1900 with the milking room enclosure and the milk house being built about 1920.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The deteriorated wagon shed is located south of the barn. It has vertical siding on the east and west elevations and on the inner sides of the cribs flanking the drive passage, and a corrugated metal roof. The north side of the crib has horizontal siding placed with ventilating gaps between each board. The south elevation has a wider crib than on the north, possibly indicating another type of grain or fodder was stored in this section. The wagon shed/corn crib was built about 1875-1885.

Equipment shed: Immediately north of the wagon shed/corn crib is a small frame shed with double drive openings on the east side and a single space inside with a corrugated metal roof. The roof extends on the south side to shelter an open shed on that elevation. The exterior is covered with tongue-and-groove siding. The shed was built about 1910-1920.

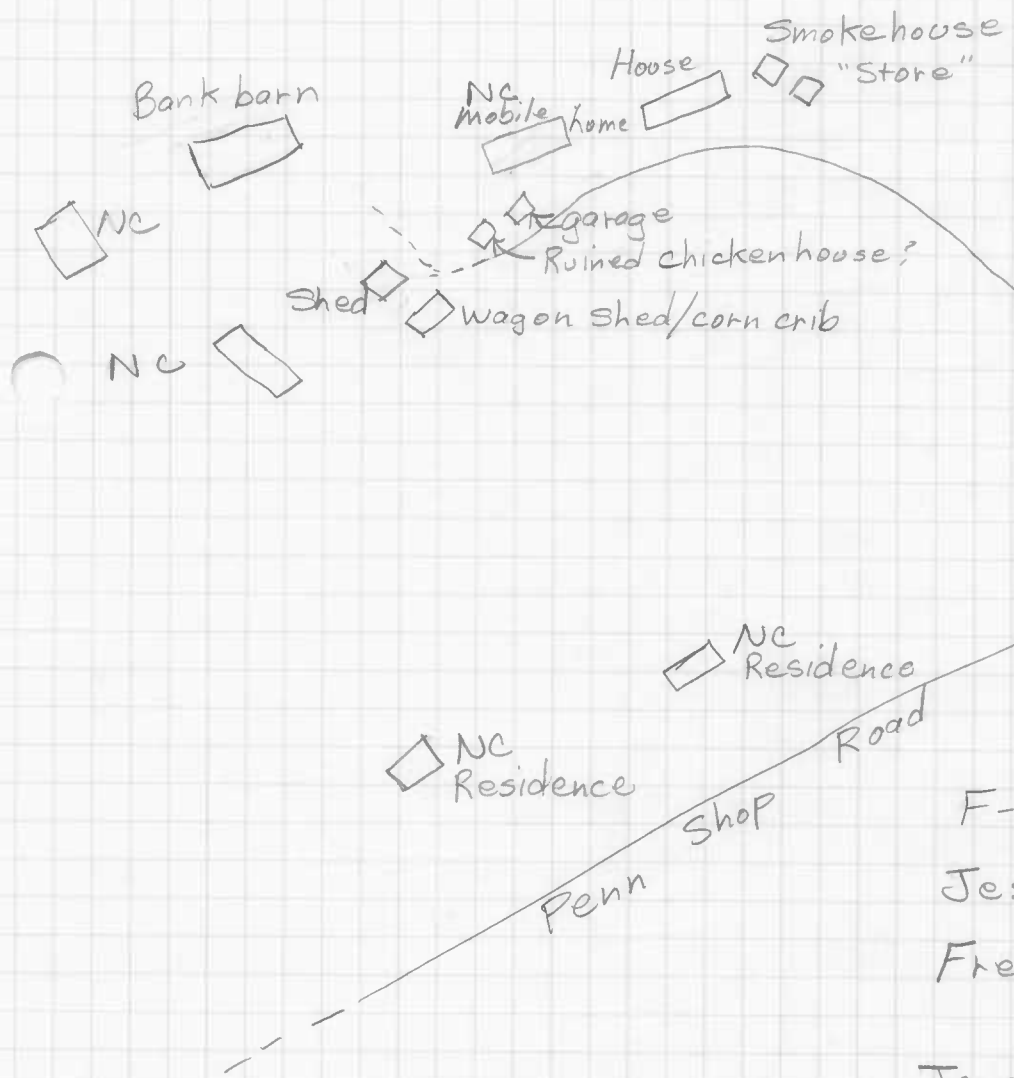
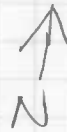
Garage: A small frame garage with german siding and a corrugated metal roof is located east of the wagon sheds. It has a single bay and was possibly built in the first decade of the 20th century. Behind the garage is a ruined frame building of undetermined function, but which may have been a chicken house.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 1878-879.



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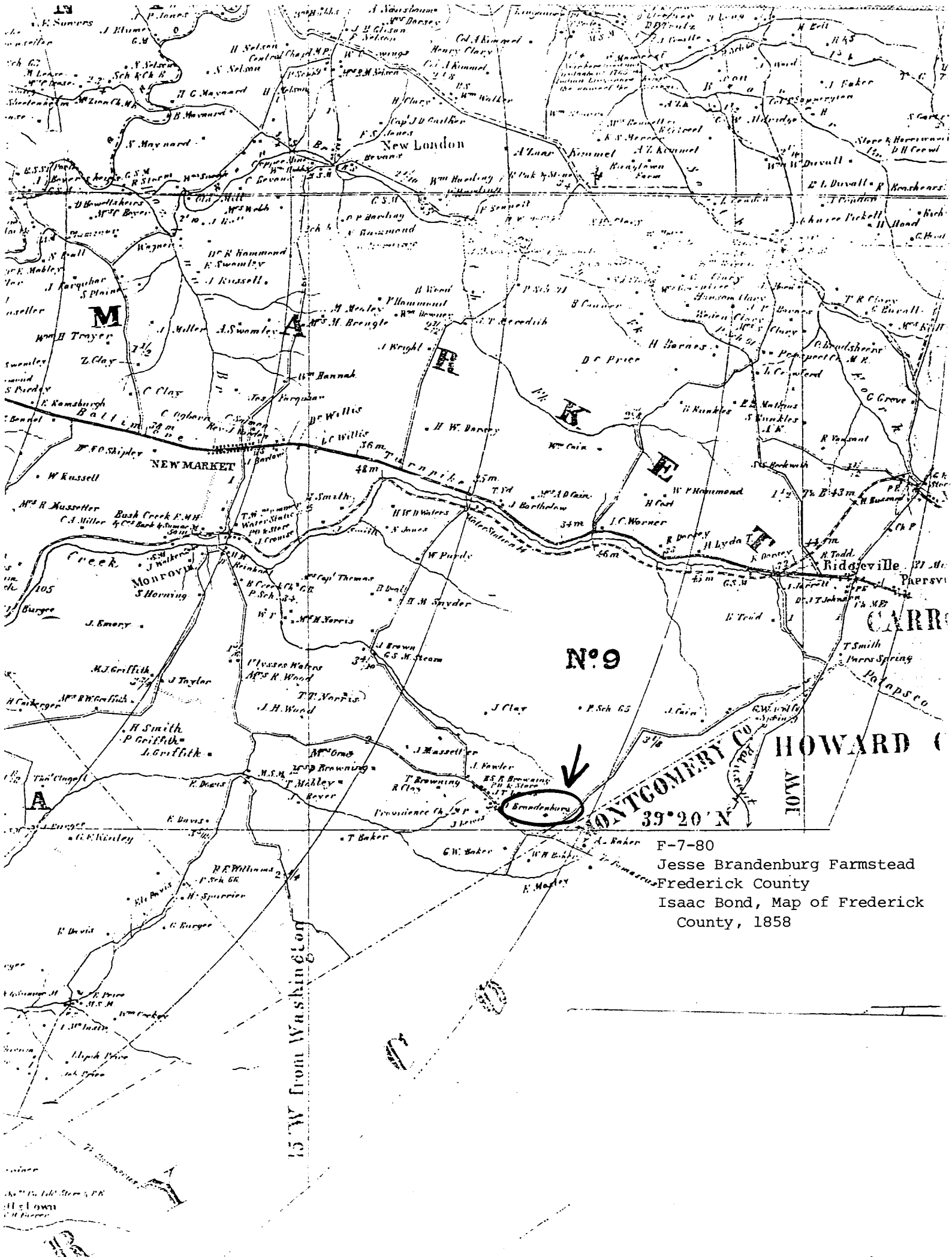
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
632/323 12 Feb 60	Lloyd C. + Marlene Y. Brandenburg	B. Claytus + Leah Branden- burg	100 A.	
414/18 5 Aug 38	B. Claytus + Leah Branden- burg	Bradley J. + Nina Brandenburg	106 A.	
JLT 14/564 28 Dec 1896	Bradley J. Brandenburg et al	Gleam H. Worthington + Clayton O. Needy	"Rattleweed Forest" 108 A. E S 1/103 Trustees in Equity 6570	\$3,159 Equity Record JLT 5/623
Equity Record JLT 5/623 2 Nov 1896	Advertisement for trustee's sale:		Jesse Brandenburg died 6 Apr 1896	
	"The improvements consist of a frame dwelling house, stable, barn, a silo, tobacco house, washhouse, and other necessary outbuildings. A splendid spring of water is near the kitchen door. Most of the fields contain running water, the fencing is good. About 2 acres is woodland. A fine apple orchard is on the premises. The farm was heavily limed a few years ago. This farm has recently been divided into three parts, to wit - (1) Division A contains 49 1/4 A. being assigned to Mrs. Sarah R. Brandenburg, widow of Jesse, as her dower, this tract includes the buildings and improvements... (Widow to retain dower estate for life)		"The improvements consist of a frame dwelling house, stable, barn, a silo, tobacco house, washhouse, and other necessary outbuildings. A splendid spring of water is near the kitchen door. Most of the fields contain running water, the fencing is good. About 2 acres is woodland. A fine apple orchard is on the premises. The farm was heavily limed a few years ago. This farm has recently been divided into three parts, to wit - (1) Division A contains 49 1/4 A. being assigned to Mrs. Sarah R. Brandenburg, widow of Jesse, as her dower, this tract includes the buildings and improvements... (Widow to retain dower estate for life)	

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
ES 1/103 11 Oct 1851	Jesse Branden- burg	Thos. & Synthesia (sic) Clagett	1/4 A.	\$350
ES 4/420 24 Dec 1850	Jesse Branden- burg	John T. Lewis et ux	"Rattlesnake Forest" 100 1/4 A.	\$622

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MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873

